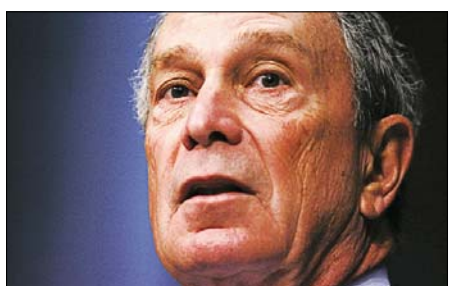


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Iraqis Defy Fears to Mark Holiday

IN MEMORY: Mourners visit a cemetery in Fallujah, Iraq, on Tuesday to mark the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Violence in Iraq has dropped dramatically, with attacks down 83 percent nationwide in the first three weeks of Ramadan compared with the same period last year, allowing many Iraqi Muslims to venture outside for a holiday most celebrated indoors in recent years.

Hazards Rise With Elections

Study: More fatal car crashes occur as voters head to polls

CHICAGO | Could voting for president be hazardous to your health?

An analysis of Election Day traffic deaths dating back to Jimmy Carter's 1976 win suggests yes, but the authors say that's no reason not to go to the polls.

The study found that, on average, 24 more people died in car crashes during voting hours on presidential Election Days than on other October and November Tuesdays. That amounts to an 18 percent increased risk of death. And compared with non-election days, an additional 800 people suffered disabling injuries.

Researchers looked at traffic-related deaths during polling hours on presidential Election Days and the two Tuesdays before and after over 30 years. The results were pretty consistent on all eight presidential Election Days that were analyzed, up to George W. Bush's victory over John Kerry in 2004.

Rushing to get to polling places before or after work, driving on unfamiliar routes, and being distracted by thinking about the candidates were among possible reasons cited. The study appears in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*. (AP)



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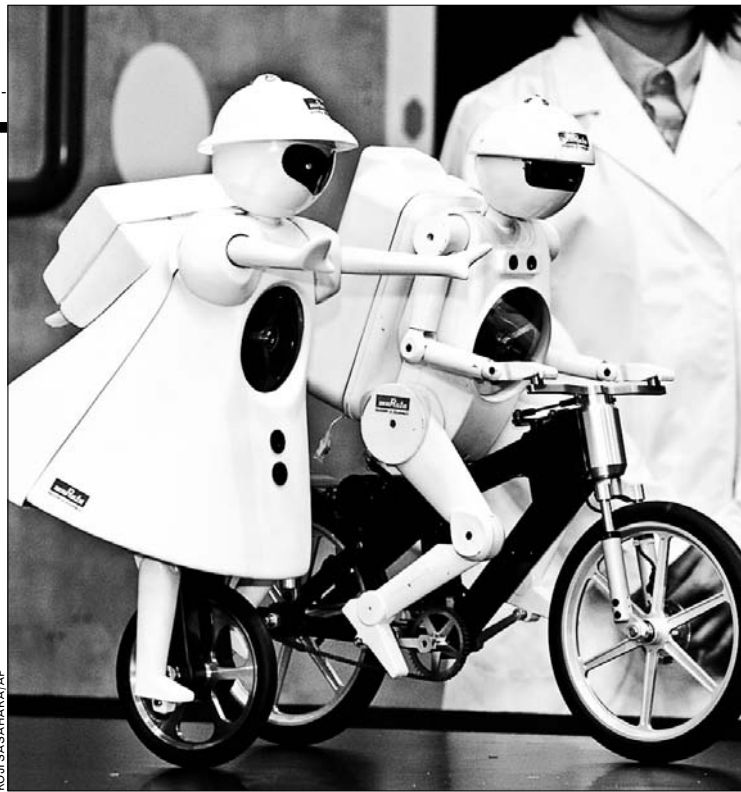
Two armed robbers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, hijacked a security van with \$1.3 million inside but were forced to abandon more than half the cash because their small getaway car could not carry it all. The robbers and their compact getaway car were still at large with \$524,000 after Monday's heist, said district police chief Shakaruddin Che Mood. The robbers stole a small car and then held up guards in the security van at a shopping mall. The van was recovered with nine bags containing 2.7 million ringgit—\$786,000 inside—evidently because they did not fit in the compact car, the police chief said. "The bags are quite big. I consider them quite stupid," Shakaruddin said. (AP)



WEIGHTY MATTERS

Next: Dolphinrexics

Dolphins at a Japanese marine park are going on a low-fat diet after developing potbellies and failing to look sharp in their aquatic performances. Kinokuni Marine World in western Japan said Tuesday that all 19 of its dolphins have been on a low-fat diet since late August, when they started failing to hit jumping targets and keep upright while treading water. "We were puzzled by their poor performance; then we noticed they looked rounder," said park spokesman Haruo Imazu. Keepers measured their weight and found all had become plumper; some gained up to 22 pounds just during the summer. Keepers immediately put them on a weight-loss program while instituting an exercise regime, Imazu said. (AP)



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ELECTRONICS

It Could Never Be

At the CEATEC 2008 home electronics trade show in Tokyo, romance blossomed between Murata Seiko-chan, a unicyclist robot, and handsome bicyclist robot Murata Seisaku-kun. She chased him for a while, and then he chased her. Their romance was doomed, however, since they're both fused to their wheels and subject to the whims of their all-powerful creator, Murata Manufacturing Co. (EXPRESS)

POLICE BRUTALITY

That's 'Bad Touch'

A hug has landed an Iowa City man in hot water. An Iowa City man who thought a police officer just "need-

ed a hug" faces several charges, including assault on a peace officer and public intoxication. Police said a 21-year-old man was arrested on Saturday. According to police records, the man ran up to the officer and

stuck out his arms. The officer told him to "get away," but the man didn't take the hint and embraced the officer. When the officer told the man to put his hands behind his head, he refused. He was then handcuffed. (AP)

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LONG OVERDUE: A former Detroit postal worker has been charged with stealing more than 9,000 pieces of mail that authorities say she kept in a storage unit for up to three years. Court documents say Jill Hull admitted storing the mail because she couldn't deliver all of it on time.

Nation

N.Y. Mayor Will Seek Third Term

Source: Bloomberg will cite Wall Street crisis to explain choice

NEW YORK | Mayor Michael Bloomberg has decided to try to reverse the term-limits law he had long supported so he can seek a third term next year and help the city emerge from financial turmoil, a person close to the mayor said Tuesday.

Bloomberg made the decision over the weekend and will announce his plans on Thursday, said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the announcement hasn't been made official. The person said the mayor has been wrestling with the decision for months.

The billionaire former CEO will cite the nation's precarious economic situation as the reason that New York needs a tested financial manager to stay and guide the city, the person said. The move is risky because the mayor would be going against both his own prior support of term limits and polls that show the public supports the voter-approved law. SARA KUGLER (AP)



Bloomberg



President Bush continued his steady push for a financial rescue package on Tuesday, declaring that "Congress must act."

Bailout Bill's Second Act

Congressional leaders scramble to find votes for plan in the House

WASHINGTON | Congressional leaders, President Bush and the two rivals to succeed him rummaged through ideas new and old Tuesday, desperately seeking to change a dozen House members' votes and pass a multibillion-dollar economic rescue plan. At the top of the list: Raise confidence in the banking system by increasing the government's insurance.

"I'm told a number of people who voted 'no' ... are having serious second thoughts about it."

SEN. CHRISTOPHER DODD

In addition, there was talk of making it easier for financial institutions to hold questionable long-term assets, an idea embraced by

some of the House Republicans who slapped down the bailout bill on Monday.

Congressional leaders hope the changes under discussion will be enough to persuade as few as six House Republicans and six Democrats to undo Monday's stunning vote that rejected a proposed \$700 billion rescue. With the Capitol largely quiet because of the Jewish new year, no overall plan appeared to jell just yet.

Some lawmakers suggested the Senate might approve its own version on Wednesday, presumably

with a few changes to the failed House bill, and then give the House a new crack at the legislation before the week is out.

Still, the House is where the problems are, and leaders there were scrounging for ideas that might appeal to a few of the 133 Republicans and 95 Democrats who rejected the proposal on Monday.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., told reporters, "I'm told a number of people who voted 'no' yesterday are having serious second thoughts about it." He added, however, "There's no game plan that's been decided."

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said it was time for all lawmakers to "act like grown-ups, if you will, and get this done for all of the people."

The idea drawing the biggest support was to raise the federal deposit insurance limit, now \$100,000 per account, to \$250,000. Several officials, including presidential nominees Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama, endorsed the change.

President Bush renewed his push for the rescue plan Tuesday, placing calls to McCain and Obama, and making another statement from the White House. "Congress must act," he declared.

"The dramatic drop in the stock market that we saw yesterday will have a direct impact on retirement accounts, pension funds and personal savings of millions of our citizens," Bush said. "And if our nation continues on this course, the economic damage will be painful and lasting." CHARLES BABINGTON (AP)

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East L.A.: Make Us a City

Area's residents rally for independence from Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES | East L.A. — birthplace of the lowrider, Los Lobos and Oscar de la Hoya — is to Mexican-Americans what Harlem is to the black community.

Now it wants to become its own city.

Commonly mistaken for a part of Los Angeles, East L.A. is actually an unincorporated section of Los Angeles County, with more than 130,000 people — 96 percent of them Latino — packed into 7.4 square miles.

Cityhood proponents complain that East L.A. is treated as an afterthought by the county Board of Supervisors, and they want the



Roberto Sanchez, background, signs a petition backing autonomy for East L.A.

community to take charge of its own destiny.

"We're a nationally branded area," said Diana Tarango, vice

president of the East Los Angeles Residents Association, the prime backer of the effort. "We should be making our own decisions about planting trees on the street or putting up light poles."

While outsiders often see the area as gang-plagued and poverty-ridden, East L.A. possesses cultural and political symbolism for Mexican-Americans.

For decades, East L.A. has been a first stop for immigrants just over the border, though these days there are nearly as many Salvadoran pupuserias selling filled tortilla patties as Mexican taquerias selling tacos.

Voters probably won't get their say on cityhood for two years while the issue wends its way through the bureaucratic and political process.

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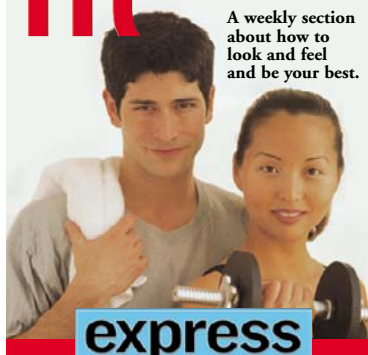
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FOOD FIGHT: French lawmakers released a parliamentary report Tuesday with 70 proposals for fighting obesity — one of which would raise taxes significantly on candy, chips and other snacks, and reduce taxes on fruits and vegetables.

World



A U.S. Navy officer monitors the hijacked Ukrainian ship Faina, left, off the coast of Somalia on Tuesday. The pirates denied reports of a shootout that killed three.

Somali Pirates Deny Reports of Shootout

Hijackers of ship laden with weapons say they are celebrating holiday

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Somali pirates said Tuesday they celebrated a Muslim holiday aboard a hijacked freighter and denied reports that three comrades were killed in a shootout on the vessel, which is being closely watched by a half-dozen U.S. warships.

The hijacking of the MV Faina — laden with 33 Soviet-made T-72 tanks, rifles and heavy weapons that U.S. defense officials have said included rocket launchers — was the highest-profile act of piracy in the dangerous waters this year. The U.S. Navy has said it wants to keep the arms out of the hands of militants linked to al-Qaeda in impoverished Somalia.

The pirates are demanding

\$20 million in ransom for the ship, which they boarded Thursday off the Somali coast. There was a crew of 21 Russians and Ukrainians aboard, but the captain later died.

A Kenyan maritime official cited an unconfirmed report that three of the pirates were killed Monday night in a dispute over whether to surrender. Speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk on the record, a U.S. official in Washington said he believed that report was true. But the Pentagon had not confirmed the report by late Tuesday.

A spokesman for the pirates said the shootout report was false.

"We are happy on the ship, and we are celebrating" Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, spokesman Sugule Ali told The Associated Press by satellite telephone. "Nothing has changed."

MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN (AP)

Pakistan Appoints New Spy Chief

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan's army chief named a general considered a hawk in the fight against al-Qaeda and the Taliban to head the country's spy agency, asserting his control at a time of U.S. concern that rogue operatives are aiding Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan.

Lt. Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha oversaw military offensives against

militants along the Afghan border in his most recent job as director general of military operations.

His appointment as head of the powerful Inter-Services Intelligence, or ISI, the country's main spy agency, was part of a broader shake-up of army top brass announced late Monday by military chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani. (AP)

Leaders Fault U.S. in Crisis

Americans are blamed for market failures in Europe, Latin America

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL | Astounded by the U.S. government's failure to resolve the financial crisis threatening the foundations of the global free market, fingers of blame are pointing at America from around the planet.

Latin American leaders say the United States must quickly fix the crisis it created before the rest of the world's economic gains are lost.

"The managers of big business took huge risks out of greed," said Costa Rican President Oscar Arias. "What happens in the United States will affect the entire world and, above all, small countries like ours."

In Europe, where some blame a phenomenon of "casino capitalism" that has become deeply engrained from New York to London to Moscow, there is more of a sense of shared responsibility. But Europe-



Traders work at the Brazilian Mercantile and Futures Exchange on Tuesday.

ans also blame the U.S. for letting things get out of hand.

Amid harsh criticism is a growing consensus that stricter financial regulation is needed to prevent unfettered capitalism from destroying economies around the globe.

And leaders of developing nations that kept spending tight and opened their economies in response to American demands are warning

"[The U.S.] spent the last three decades saying we needed to do our chores. They didn't."

LUIZ INACIO LULA DA SILVA,
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of other consequences — a loss of U.S. influence globally and the likelihood that the world's poor will suffer the most from greed by the biggest players in global finance.

"They spent the last three decades saying we needed to do our chores. They didn't," a grim-faced Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Tuesday.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe said, "The whole world has financed the United States, and I believe that they have a reciprocal debt with the planet." ALAN CLENDENNING (AP)

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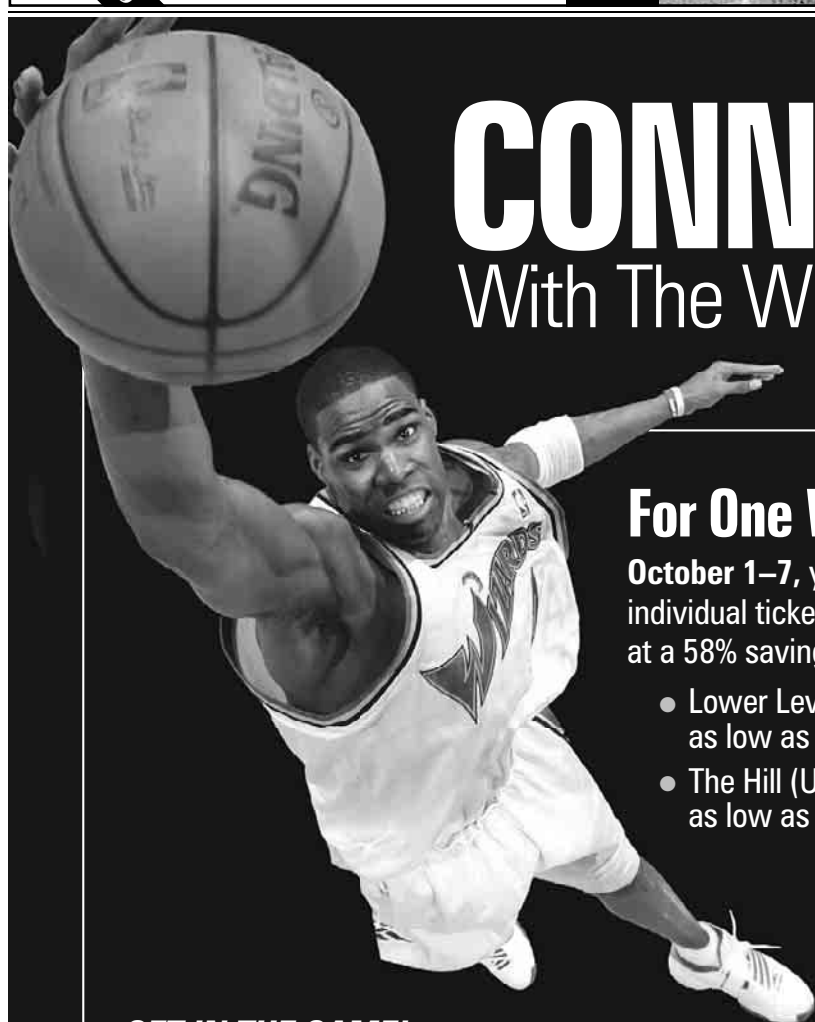
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World



A police officer carries a victim of a stampede at a Hindu temple in Jodhpur, India, Tuesday. Thousands scrambled to escape the temple after false rumors of a bomb.

Temple Stampede Kills 168 in India

False rumors of bomb lead to escape crush during major festival

JODHPUR, INDIA | Thousands of pilgrims panicked by false rumors of a bomb stampeded at a Hindu temple in western India on Tuesday, killing at least 168 people in the crush to escape. Officials said 100 others were injured.

Television footage showed dozens of bodies on the sidewalk, while nearby frantic people tried to revive unconscious devotees.

One child sat on the ground next to the body of a woman, crying "Mother, Mother."

The disaster occurred just as the doors of the temple were being opened for worship at dawn for more than 12,000 people celebrating a key Hindu festival in the his-

toric city of Jodhpur.

The chaos began with false rumors of a bomb, said Ramesh Vyas, a pilgrim who was standing in line.

Tensions are high because India has been hit by a spate of bomb attacks. The latest explosions Monday night in the western cities of Malegaon and Modasa killed six people and wounded 45.

Devotees had broken coconuts as religious offerings, so the temple's floors were slick with coconut milk, causing pilgrims to slip and fall as they scrambled to escape, Vyas said.

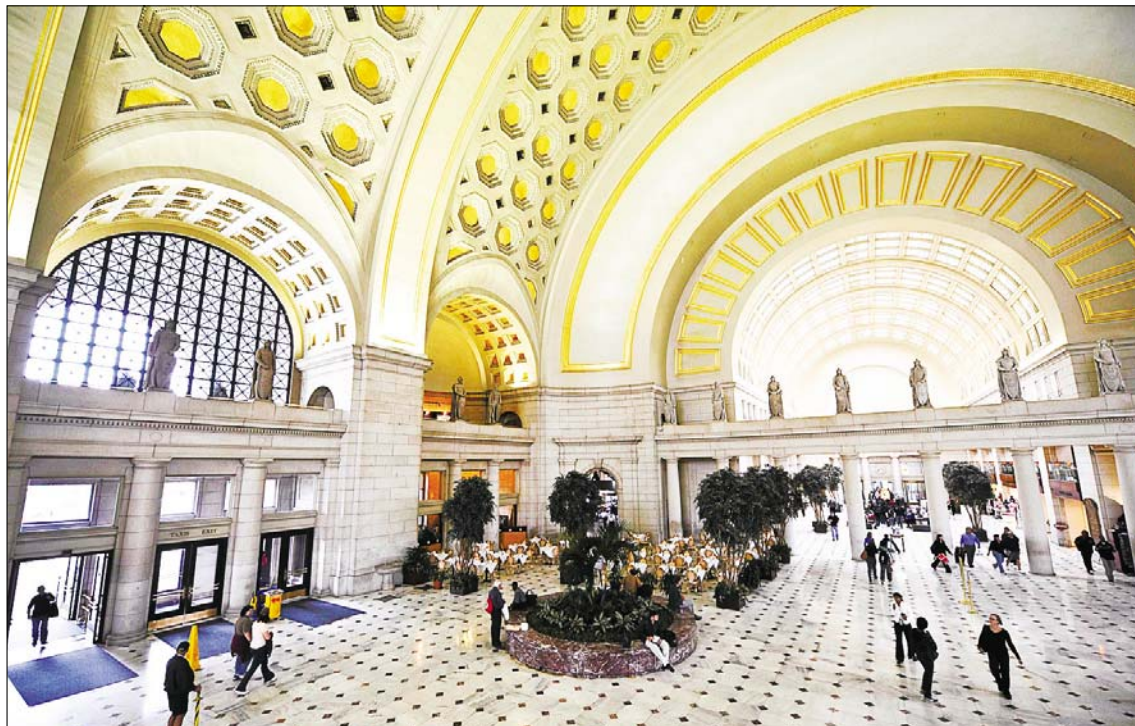
Other pilgrims had crammed a narrow 1/4-mile path leading to the temple, leaving little room for those fleeing to escape.

The chaos was made worse by the fact there was a power outage at the time. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: An official from the British spy service MI6 sold a camera on eBay for \$31 that contained sensitive intelligence records including the names of terrorist suspects, a British newspaper reported Tuesday. Police seized the camera after being alerted by a member of the public, a spokesman told The Associated Press Tuesday. (AP)

Local



Union Station's Main Hall is shown last Friday. The Washington transportation hub celebrates its 100th anniversary this weekend.

100 Years of Union Station

Transportation hub's centennial celebrates grand rehabilitation

WASHINGTON | Less than 30 years ago, Union Station, the grand gateway to the nation's capital, seemed to be going the way of the steam engine.

Like passenger rail itself, the Beaux Arts building was in decline, with chunks of the ceiling falling off and mushrooms growing on the floor.

Today, the 100-year-old building is a thriving transportation hub, a shopping mall and one of Washington's most visited sites, with more than 32 million people pass-

ing through each year. The station will celebrate its centennial this weekend with a display of historic locomotives and rail cars rarely seen in one place.

The Union Station centennial falls on the anniversary of the station's 1988 rehabilitation, and Amtrak is using it as an opportunity to showcase one of the nation's most successful makeovers.

On Jan. 15, 1953, a runaway train crashed through the main concourse. The floor collapsed under the weight of the locomotive, but nobody was killed.

Union Station survived, thanks in part to an ill-fated project to remake the building into a national visitor's center for the country's

bicentennial. The visitor's center was a flop, and soon the station was shuttered because of structural problems.

A public-private partnership spent \$160 million to restore the building. It reopened in 1988 — once again as a train station, but this time with high-end retail shops and restaurants.

Before Union Station's renovation, the thriving Capitol Hill neighborhood where it is located was "depressed," said David Ball, president of Union Station Redevelopment Corp., the nonprofit that holds a long-term lease on the building from the U.S. Department of Transportation. "We were sort of the catalyst." SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Pr. George's Schools Chief Resigns

The Prince George's County Board of Education Tuesday accepted the resignation of Superintendent John E. Deasy, who is taking a job as a deputy director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

"We are grateful to the passion and energy brought by Dr. Deasy," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, the board chairman. "Our school system is poised to serve as a national model."



Deasy

Since Deasy was hired in 2006, scores on state tests — the most commonly used measure of a school system's performance — in Prince George's have improved significantly. But when Deasy

leaves, he will be departing less than three years after taking over, contributing to a history of rapid turnover in the district's leadership.

Four superintendents — Iris T. Metts, Andre J. Hornsby, Howard Burnett and Deasy, in that order — have run the system in a permanent or acting capacity since 1999. None has lasted in the job more than four years.

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Local

Md. Police Probe 2 Attacks on Trail

Assaults are very rare on Georgetown Branch path used by thousands

Montgomery County police are investigating two robbery-related attacks last week on walkers along a popular hiking and biking path near downtown Bethesda's shopping and entertainment district.

Police said two men were assaulted but not seriously injured in separate incidents Thursday and Friday. Detectives are investigating similar descriptions of suspects in both cases, and common times and locations, police said. No weapons were seen in either incident, police said.

Both occurred during midday on the Georgetown Branch Trail, an extension of the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring.

Violent attacks are almost unheard of on the tree-lined, gravel path that runs behind residential fences in Chevy Chase



Two attacks occurred last week on the Georgetown Branch Trail, shown here.

and East Bethesda. It is used by an estimated 10,000 cyclists, joggers and stroller-pushing walkers every week.

Russ Hamill, commander of the Bethesda police district, said any trail-related problems usually involve arguments between cyclists and slower-moving walkers.

"For us, this is very uncommon," Hamill said. "Detectives are working this case very hard. ... Setting aside these two attacks last week, the trail is still a safe area."

KATHERINE SHAVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

HEARSAY | VEEP VETTING



"Most people would take hiring someone for a summer job more seriously."

—VIRGINIA GOV. TIM KAINE

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The Lotteries

Tuesday, Sept. 30

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Mid-day DC 4	7-2-5-1
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	0-7-7-3
Rolling Cash Five (Mon.)	3-12-18-20-23
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Mid-day Pick 3	3-2-9
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-5-1
Mid-day Pick 4	1-9-6-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	5-8-2-2
Match 5 (Mon.)	3-20-29-31-35 Bonus: 16

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	6-4-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	6-2-9
Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-6-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	5-4-9-0
Mid-day Cash 5	2-9-14-20-22
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	7-22-30-31-34

Money



Masked protesters gather Tuesday afternoon with signs reading "Greed Kills" as workers leave the New York Stock Exchange.

Wall Street Sees Rebound

But worries about the credit industry have put traders on edge

NEW YORK | Wall Street snapped back Tuesday after its biggest sell-off in years amid growing expectations that lawmakers will salvage a \$700 billion rescue plan for the financial sector. But the seized-up credit markets where businesses turn to raise money showed no sign of relief.

Major stock indexes were almost a sideshow during the session, with the credit markets as the main event. A key rate that banks charge to lend to one another shot higher, a tightening of the availability of credit that could cascade through

“If [the bailout] doesn’t pass, then look out below. It could get ugly.”

JASON WEISBERG, NYSE TRADER

the economy.

Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, still stunned from Monday’s 778-point rout in the Dow Jones industrial average, warned that the government needs to approve a plan that will sweep away the fears that hobbled the credit markets.

“If it doesn’t pass, then look out

below,” said Jason Weisberg, an NYSE trader for Seaport Securities. “It could get ugly.”

The benchmark London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, that banks charge to lend to one another rose sharply Tuesday, making it more expensive and difficult for consumers and businesses to borrow money. In addition, credit card debt and more than half of adjustable-rate mortgages are tied to LIBOR, so an increase isn’t welcome for many consumers.

The Dow rose 485.21, or 4.68 percent, to 10,850.66 after falling nearly 7 percent Monday. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index recovered 58.35, or 5.27 percent, to 1,164.74; and the Nasdaq composite index rose 98.60, or 4.97 percent, to 2,082.33. (AP)

HEARSAY | BUYERS

“How many people are going to sit down and say: ‘You know, honey, it’s a good time to buy a house?’”

—THOMAS LAWLER, HOUSING ECONOMIST IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA, ON THE MARKET WOES. THE S&P INDEX OF URBAN HOME PRICES FELL A RECORD 17.5 PERCENT IN JULY.

Pfizer Shifts Drug Study Priorities

TRENTON, N.J. | Pfizer Inc. is shifting its research focus to diseases that have high potential for big profits and for treatment improvements, such as cancer and Alzheimer’s disease.

The world’s biggest drugmaker also is ending new research on conditions from obesity to heart disease, but research on drugs already in late-stage human testing will

continue, spokeswoman Liz Power said Tuesday.

Experts said such tweaking of research strategy is standard in the pharmaceutical industry. Pfizer expects to spend up to \$7.5 billion on research and development this year, a huge budget for the industry.

“Even though it is very large, it is finite,” Power said. (AP)

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Sports



BACK ON TOP: Pitchers Cliff Lee of the Indians and Brad Lidge of the Phillies were honored Tuesday as baseball's comeback players of the year. Lee went 22-3 with a 2.54 ERA. Lidge was a perfect 41-for-41 in save opportunities.

Manny Being Manny Is OK in L.A.

Ramirez came west, jump-started the Dodgers to the playoffs

MLB PLAYOFFS | Amid the celebration in the Dodgers' clubhouse, first baseman James Loney wore a T-shirt that said it all: "We love Manny being Manny."

Who doesn't in L.A. these days?

Manny Ramirez came west from Boston two months ago with a sullied reputation, joining an under-achieving team plugging along at .500, fortunate to be playing in one of baseball's weakest divisions.

Almost immediately, the slugger added energy to a previously drab clubhouse and became a crowd favorite. And despite changing leagues, he began one of the best streaks of his



Manny Ramirez is doused with beer after the Dodgers clinched their first NL West title in four years. Ramirez hit .396 with 17 homers and 53 RBI in 53 games with L.A.

Behind the Games

→ The Twins-White Sox one-game playoff ended after Express' deadline. Get results plus a look at the keys to all four divisional round series | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

career — or anyone's, for that matter — in leading L.A. to its first NL West title in four years.

"I just came to play the game and to show people I could play," he said. "I wasn't expecting anything out of myself. I wanted to show people I could run and play the outfield, and that was it."

Ramirez hit .396 with 17 homers and 53 RBI in 53 games with Los Angeles, prompting some MVP talk. His defense in left field was

flawless, too. He led the way as the Dodgers rebounded from an eight-game losing streak in late August to win 18 of 23 games, including five straight over Arizona.

By the time the Red Sox traded Ramirez on July 31, both sides were sick of each other. Playing in the final season of a \$160 million contract, Ramirez forced the move, saying the Red Sox didn't deserve a player of his caliber and displaying a purposeful lack of hustle at times.

When the split was final, all sides were glad. Now, shocking as it might sound, Ramirez is a role model and team leader with the Dodgers, hustling at every turn.

"When I left Boston, it was great. A new life. My dream come true. I know a lot of people doubt me," he said. "Whatever people say out there, well, that's good, because I came, and I proved everybody wrong. It feels great. I'm just happy everything worked out great." JOHN NADEL (AP)

Fans Scoff at 100 Years of Curses

In Chicago, Cubs fans say they think this year will be different

MLB PLAYOFFS | The curses are lined up like Cubs fans in the beer line at Wrigley Field.

There's the billy goat that surfaced in 1945, the black cat that struck in 1969 and the fan named Bartman who reached out and changed history in 2003. And now there's the all-purpose curse that dooms teams and athletes on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

But on Tuesday, Cubs fans were in a place they wouldn't let themselves go before last year's first-round playoff collapse: a land where the words "Cubs" and "World Series champions" finally collide, after a drought that's lasted a century.

"This year feels different; since the beginning it's felt different," said Al Yellon, sounding every bit like what he is, the editor in chief of a Web site called Bleedcubbyblue.com.

"The goat's long dead," said Petrona Foster, a Jamaican immigrant who is a die-hard Cubs fan because her first baseball game, in 1970, was at Wrigley Field. On Tuesday, Foster joined hundreds of Cubs fans

  PHILADELPHIA VS MILWAUKEE	1	2	3	4	5
	Oct. 1 3 p.m.	Oct. 2 6 p.m.	Oct. 4 6:30 p.m.	Oct. 5 TBD	Oct. 7 TBD
  CHICAGO CUBS VS L.A. DODGERS	1	2	3	4	5
	Oct. 1 6:30 p.m.	Oct. 2 9:30 p.m.	Oct. 4 10 p.m.	Oct. 5 TBD	Oct. 7 TBD
  L.A. ANGELS VS BOSTON	1	2	3	4	5
	Oct. 1 6:30 p.m.	Oct. 3 9:30 p.m.	Oct. 5 10 p.m.	Oct. 6 TBD	Oct. 8 TBD
  TAMPA BAY VS MINN./CHI.	1	2	3	4	5
	Oct. 2 2:30 p.m.	Oct. 3 6 p.m.	Oct. 5 TBD	Oct. 6 TBD	Oct. 8 TBD

willing to chance a jinx by declaring their faith out loud.

Cubs lovers in blue gathered Tuesday at a rally in Daley Plaza, where they waved homemade signs and sang tributes to the team while the wind whipped confetti. Few fans at the rally or in the neighborhood around Wrigley Field gave much credence to

talk of curses, and they didn't seem to worry about the Cubs' presence on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

"People are looking for new things because it's part of the Cubs' tradition," said Dave Abrams. "I think they're going to win this year because a lot of magical things have happened this year." RUPA SHENOY (AP)

Phillies Hoping to Be A Big Hit This Year

Last year, Philadelphia went flat in 3 straight postseason losses

MLB PLAYOFFS | Chase Utley bristled at the repeated questions, Jimmy Rollins shooed away anyone who tried to ask. Can't blame Ryan Howard and the Phillies for wanting to forget their playoff flop against the Rockies last year.

"What happened is in the past," center fielder Shane Victorino said Tuesday. "We're over it. It's behind us. We have unfinished business."

The NL East champions expect to go farther this year. The wild-card Milwaukee Brewers stand in their way. Game 1 is Wednesday afternoon at Citizens Bank Park, with ace Cole Hamels (14-10) on the mound for the Phillies.

Yovani Gallardo (0-0) pitches for the Brewers. Those zeros next to his name are no misprint.

The 22-year-old righty will become the second pitcher in major league history to start a postseason game without recording a win that year, according to Stats LLC.



Ryan Howard was 3-for-12 with seven strikeouts in the playoffs last season.

"I don't know a thing about him, but I'll watch him on video," Utley said. "He's a good pitcher."

Philly's hitters have something to prove after a dismal performance against the Rockies. The Phillies hit just .172 and scored only eight runs, striking out 26 times in three games. Only Carlos Ruiz (3-for-9) hit above .250 in the series.

"Last year is over with," Utley said. "We didn't swing the bats well. We didn't score many runs. That's not going to give you an opportunity to win. There's no point in looking back. We have to focus on finding ways to win now." ROB MAADDI (AP)



HONEST RICKY: Ricky Williams says he was briefly tempted to smoke marijuana during the Dolphins' bye, an act that could have ended his NFL career. Williams told the Miami Herald that when players were given Friday off, "automatically, your mind ... says, 'I'm free, what can I do?'"

Sports

Springs Has Owens Totally Covered

Redskins cornerback stayed with his friend all day, night Sunday

REDSKINS | Even after the Redskins' victory over the Cowboys on Sunday, Terrell Owens couldn't shake Shawn Springs. After covering the wide receiver all afternoon, the cornerback followed his longtime friend home and watched the Chicago Bears defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-20, Sunday night.

Television commentators who expressed surprise he played well against Owens, his offseason workout partner, amused Springs. "He didn't really say much to me after the game," Springs said of Owens. "We just sat there and watched a little bit of the Chicago game at his condo."

"You know what's the funny



Shawn Springs, bottom right, holds onto Terrell Owens, who scored on this play.

thing about this? This is what I laugh at: You hear commentators, like, 'Shawn Springs, for an older corner, can cover.' I was, like, 'Hold it! He's two years older than me.'"

Springs, 33, is in his 12th season in the league and had permission from the Redskins to stay in Dallas to visit his father, who remains in a coma there. Owens, who turns 35 in

December, is a 13-year veteran.

"People forget stuff like that," Springs said. "That's funny. The reason why I was drafted was to play bigger receivers. It's not the first time we've matched up."

With Springs in coverage, Owens caught a 10-yard touchdown pass on the Cowboys' opening possession of the third quarter. Springs did not re-enter the game after injuring his calf in the quarter, and Carlos Rogers also fared well against Owens, who finished with seven receptions for 71 yards after gaining 11 yards on two catches before halftime.

"That hurt me," Springs said of having to sit out most of the second half. "I felt really good coming out in the second half. That was one of those games you just want to keep going."

JASON REID (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Raiders Fire Kiffin for Cause, May Not Pay Him

NFL | The Raiders fired Lane Kiffin on Tuesday just four games into his second season, ending a public feud with owner Al Davis that had been simmering all season.

Kiffin had a 5-15 record since being hired last year, losing his final game to the Chargers Sunday.

The Raiders promoted offensive line coach Tom Cable to head coach.

The Raiders said Kiffin was fired for cause, meaning they will likely try not to pay him for the remainder of his contract. He signed a two-year deal worth about \$4 million last year.

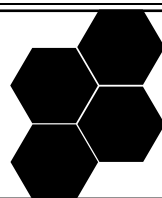
Kiffin's job security was in question as far back as January, when a dispute over whether he could replace Rob Ryan as defensive coordinator led to the owner's sending his coach a letter of resignation to sign. (AP)

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Mewelde Moore had just one carry in the first three games but is likely to start.

Steelers Running On Empty

Pittsburgh is down to just 1 running back after string of injuries

NFL | The Pittsburgh Steelers haven't been this thin at running back since losing 1,000-yard rushers Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier to injuries before the 1976 AFC championship game.

With Willie Parker and Rashard Mendenhall injured and out, the division-leading Steelers are down to one healthy running back for Sunday night's key AFC game in Jacksonville — Mewelde Moore, who had only one carry in the Steelers' first three games.

Parker, coming off three consecutive seasons with 1,200 or more yards, will miss his second straight game with a strained knee. It still isn't certain whether Parker will be ready for the Oct. 19 game at Cincinnati, which follows an off week.

"We live week to week and day to day," coach Mike Tomlin said Tuesday, barely 12 hours after a 23-20 overtime victory over AFC North rival Baltimore. "We're going to Jacksonville this weekend, and we need somebody to tote the thing."

The injuries may force the Steelers (3-1) to sign two running backs — an unusual move at this stage in the season. Former backup Najeh Davenport may return, and Gary Russell, who spent the 2007 season with them, could be promoted off the practice squad. (AP)

Sports

CONCACAF, MLS Both on the Line

D.C. United could miss the playoffs, lose in the Champions League

UNITED | Revamped in the off-season to compete more effectively in prestigious international competitions and the MLS playoffs, D.C. United now faces the prospect of blowing off the former just to qualify for the latter.

D.C.'s last victory was on Sept. 3 in the U.S. Open Cup final. Since then, the reeling club has fallen out of the MLS playoff picture, thanks to a 0-3-1 slide, and has sunk to the



ALFREDO ESTRELLA/AP/GETTY IMAGES

Cruz Azul comes to RFK Wednesday for a must-win game for D.C. United.

DOWN THE STRETCH

→ **MLS:** United is 10-13-3 and one point out of the eighth play-off spot. Games remaining: Saturday vs. Chivas USA, Oct. 12 at Houston, Oct. 16 vs. New England, Oct. 26 at Columbus.

→ **Champions League:** United is 0-2-0 in its four-team group and must finish in the top 2 to advance. Games remaining: Wednesday vs. Cruz Azul, Oct. 9 at Sapriisa, Oct. 21 at Cruz Azul, Oct. 29 vs. Marathon.

bottom of its Champions League group with two shutout losses.

To have any realistic hope of advancing to February's continental quarterfinals, it must defeat Mexico City power Cruz Azul (1-1-0) Wednesday night at RFK. But D.C. continues to struggle with injuries, and, with only four MLS matches remaining, it now makes little sense to risk burnout for a very slim shot at continental glory.

"The regular season does take precedence. We need to make the playoffs, and we are going to put

ourselves in the best opportunity to do that," coach Tom Soehn told The Washington Post before D.C.'s 3-0 drubbing in Dallas on Sunday. United hosts Chivas USA on Saturday and then finishes up with MLS' top three clubs — Houston, New England and Columbus.

Captain Jaime Moreno should play on Wednesday but will be suspended for at least a couple MLS matches due to Sunday's flagrant elbow and ensuing red card. And MF Ivan Guerrero will miss three games on Honduran national team duty. On the plus side, playmaker Marcelo Gallardo has returned from rehab in Argentina and told reporters he may be ready to play a "few minutes" on Saturday.

"It would have been easy for me to sit back and not play the rest of the season, but I want to work to come back and help as much as I can," he said of his decision to leave D.C. for two weeks.

United will need it. BRIAN STRAUS

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (3 P.M., 6 P.M. AND 10 P.M. ON TBS)
Ah, baseball triple-header. The playoffs start with Milwaukee at Philadelphia. Then, the Dodgers play in Chicago followed by the Red Sox in L.A. to play

the Angels.

WNBA (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) The women's basketball final looks a lot like a men's final, with Detroit playing at San Antonio, except without dunking.

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Travel



CRUISIN': A 1,900-person cruise ship will begin sailing from Baltimore to the Eastern Caribbean next year. Celebrity Mercury will offer 12-night cruises to St. Thomas, St. Kitts, Antigua, St. Maarten and Tortola starting in November 2009.

Go to the Zoo for a 'Boo!'

Animal events serve as kiddie alternatives to trick-or-treating

ATTRACTIONS | Ghosts and ghouls — friendly ones at that — are about to take over America's zoos.

Hay mazes, pumpkin paths and haunted train rides, too.

And there will be lots of candy, of course.

Zoos big and small are finding that Halloween events are among their most popular draws, because many parents see the parties as a safer alternative to knocking on the doors of strangers. And there aren't a lot of other Halloween activities for the stroller crowd.

"For some, our event has replaced the traditional trick-or-treating around the neighborhood," said Sarah Burnette, spokeswoman for the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

There's Spooky Seas on Hallow-



Employees in costumes hold onto a snake at the Boo at the Zoo event in Cleveland.

een night at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago; Night of the Living Zoo at Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kan.; and Creep in the Deep at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J.

Most offer more fun and less

fright. There are hayrides at the Bronx Zoo in New York, a candy forest in Atlanta and magic shows in Cleveland.

"There's no blood and guts," said Cleveland Metroparks Zoo spokeswoman Sue Allen. "Nothing that's

meant to be intentionally scary."

Just to be sure, the zoo brought in a child psychologist a few years ago to make certain its displays were kid-friendly.

Cleveland's Boo at the Zoo has become so popular that most of its eight nights sell out.

The National Zoo in Washington added two more nights this year for Boo at the Zoo, which will be Oct. 23-26. The event is one of the zoo's top three fundraisers.

The Little Rock Zoo bills its Boo at the Zoo as Arkansas' largest Halloween festival, drawing about 30,000 people over eight days.

Visitors can ride the haunted train and participate in a costume contest. Little girls can get their nails done at the Beauty Shop of Horrors. Volunteers hand out candy throughout the zoo.

"There's some added assurance there for the parents," said zoo spokeswoman Susan Altrui. (AP)

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'SHROOM TRIP: Mendocino County, about 90 miles north of San Francisco, hosts a Mushroom Festival from Nov. 7 to 16 with hunts for chanterelles, porcinis, morels and rarer varieties such as candy cap and hedgehog mushrooms. Mushroom-theme dinners are offered throughout the area, too.

Travel

Stomp Around for a Grape Time

Many wineries now let customers participate in the winemaking

ACTIVITIES | Lucy did it. And you can, too — stomp grapes, that is. Wineries from Napa to New York are rolling out the barrel for those inclined to squish a little merlot between their toes.

"You get one person doing it and then everyone else is wanting

to go along," says Ken Morris of the Grgich Hills Estate winery in the Napa Valley, where visitors can stomp daily during harvest.

The days when winemaking was done by the foot are long gone.

But even though they may have the latest in gleaming wine press technology parked at their crush pad, a number of wineries are also showcasing the retro charms of stomping in a development that builds on the recent trend of culi-



Beverly Miller stomps grapes at the Grgich Hills Estate winery in Napa Valley.

nary tourism.

With wine now being produced in all 50 states, opportunities to stomp grapes abound at harvest time — generally, late August through October, depending on climate. There are fairs, festivals and team competitions and quieter experiences at individual wineries.

On a recent sunny afternoon in Napa Valley, Beverly Miller of Akron, Ohio, was willing to bare her

sole for a new experience, kicking off her shoes and stepping into the one-person barrel at Grgich Hills.

"Oh, my gosh," she said as her feet slid into the purple-black zinfandel grapes. "I have never done this. This is fantastic."

Miller is one of the few people who don't remember the classic "I Love Lucy," episode in which the intrepid redhead has to make a grape escape after trying her hand, or rather, foot, at old-fashioned winemaking.

Still, "nine times out of 10 people say, 'Oh, it's just like Lucy,'" said Morris. "They all remember that episode." MICHELLE LOCKE (AP)

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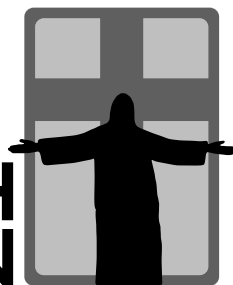
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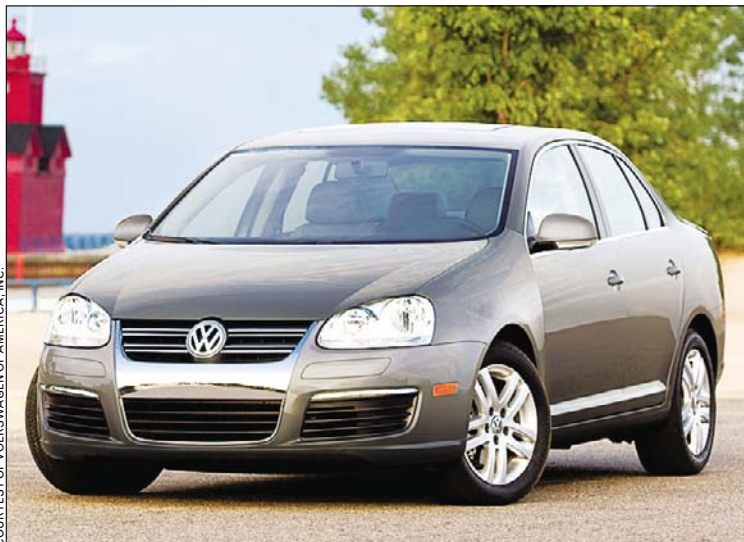
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HUMBLE | I find the 2009 VW Jetta TDI's lack of exceptionalism exceptional. This car is ordinary, routine, a mean of averages, a flat line on life's electroencephalogram. Find the most common of gardens, and the Jetta is that garden's variety.

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DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Can you recommend a driver course that is designed for drivers who lose some of their skills and capabilities as they become older? I don't want to start a debate here about specific ages, but I am trying to find something suitable for someone over 60.

I am 60 and constantly in need of driver-training remediation. I rely on several sources, including the BMW Driving school in South Carolina, and a variety of automobile club driving events. Check with BMW and the American Automobile Association. And congratulations on accepting the fact that driving skills diminish with age and thus are in need of rehabilitation.

Congrats on accepting the fact that driving skills diminish with age.

I need to buy a hybrid sedan to use on I-66 into D.C. from Fairfax each day. What would you recommend? I am not a car person at all — I just want a four-door car that will get me back and forth.

I wouldn't recommend buying a hybrid for the commute you describe. Here's why: Most current-generation hybrids do their best fuel-saving work in stop-and-go city traffic. As a result, if you were driving from a D.C. apartment to a D.C. office, a hybrid would make sense. But the electric portion of the hybrid drive train offers you little to no assistance at highway speeds, during which you are sucking gas. It's better in your driving scenario to get a fuel-efficient small car with a traditional internal combustion engine. Check out Greencarjournal.com for recommendations.



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"Europe still is the center of the literary world."

— **Horace Engdahl**, who announces the Nobel Prize in literature, says the United States is too "insular" and ignorant to compete with Europe when it comes to great writing.

Gunning for Greatness

Ed Harris holds the reins as a creative force in 'Appaloosa'

MOTIVATOR | Ed Harris took Old West self-sufficiency to heart with his latest film.

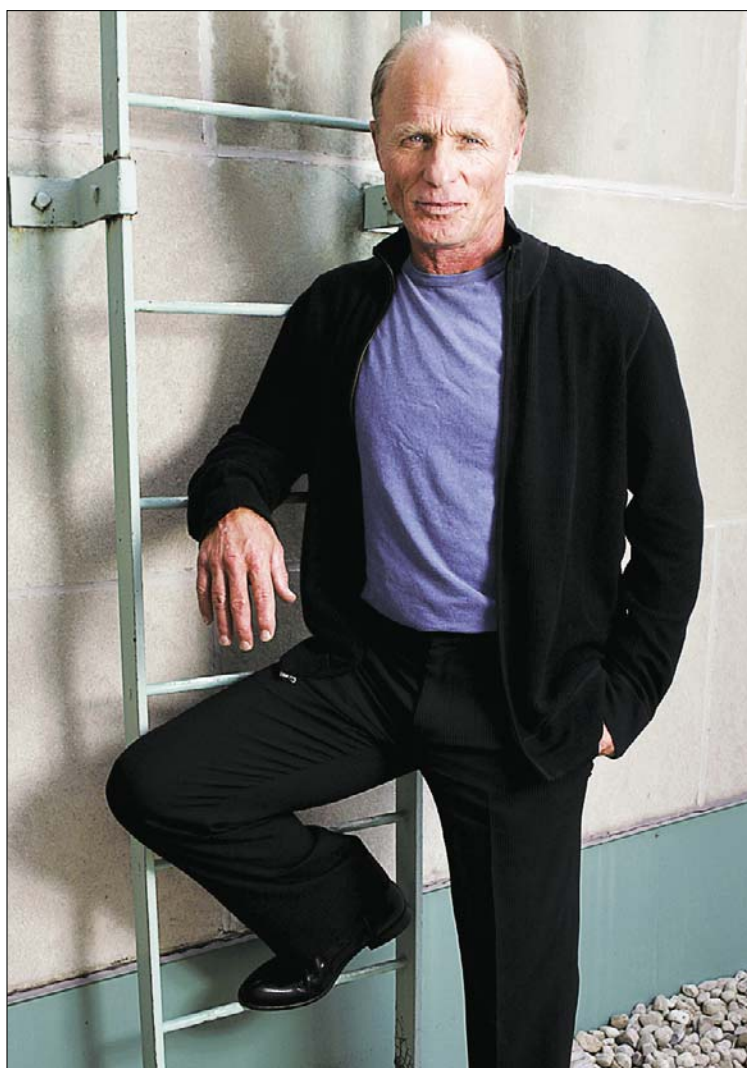
First, Harris secured the rights to Robert B. Parker's Western novel "Appaloosa" and pitched it to buddy Viggo Mortensen, who agreed to co-star with him in the saga of two upright pals aiming to clean up a lawless town.

Then Harris co-wrote the screenplay, produced and directed the film and put in 10-hour days to help edit it. Harris even followed the singing-cowboy trail, co-writing and crooning a rootsy song for the credits.

Appropriately, Harris was on a horseback-riding trip with his family in Ireland in 2005 when he read Parker's book. Harris said he had read some of Parker's "Spenser" mysteries and picked up "Appaloosa" because it "had a cool cover and looked like a neat book."

"Then I just started reading this thing and was totally delighted with the relationship between these two guys," Harris said.

"I read the first couple scenes, literally, probably read 35 pages of the book or less and called my agent and said, 'Find out if this is available,'



RUNG HIM DRY: Ed Harris is such an adept actor, he's hiding how odd he feels posing with a ladder. He frightens bad guys in "Appaloosa" with the same steely gaze.

because it just tickled me."

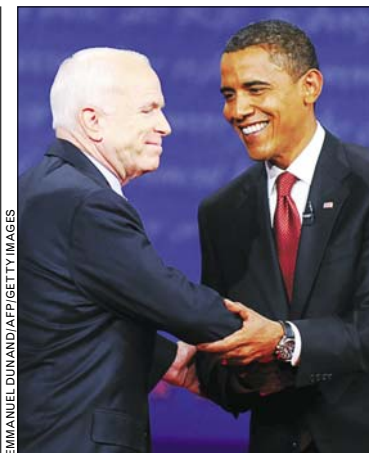
The movie rights were open, and soon after, Harris passed the book to Mortensen while they were promoting their film "A History of Violence" at the Toronto Film Festival that same year. After Mortensen signed on, Harris worked on the screenplay with friend Robert Knott.

Harris stars as the close-lipped Virgil Cole, who arrives in Appaloosa as the new marshal along with longtime trail partner Everett Hitch (Mortensen). Bold, supremely capable and unshakably loyal, the two implement an iron-fisted rule over the town, taking on a gang led by a murderous rancher (Jeremy Irons). Complicating matters is Virgil's romance with a widow (Renee Zellweger), a woman prone to indiscretion and indelicate behavior.

"Appaloosa," which expands to more theaters Friday, marks Harris' return to directing after his acclaimed filmmaking debut "Pollock," which earned him an acting Oscar nomination.

"Appaloosa" was a much bigger production loaded with action and period design, a test of Harris' filmmaking chops, he says: "It makes you trust yourself. It makes you be much more decisive than I am normally in life, because you can't afford to hem and haw."

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



HUG IT OUT: The TV ratings would've rocked if they had wrestled instead.

Debating To Watch Or Not

Nielsen says Friday's face-off was not a TV ratings success

TUNE IN | The first debate between John McCain and Barack Obama, seen by an estimated 52.4 million viewers on Friday, was one of the first events of the presidential campaign that was not a huge TV hit. The audience was 10 million less than the first debate between President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry in 2004, according to Nielsen Media Research.

It wasn't even one of the 10 most-watched presidential debates, falling well short of the record 80.6 million people who saw the only debate between President Carter and Ronald Reagan in 1980.

Two factors may have held the audience down: It wasn't clear until midday Friday that the debate was even taking place; McCain earlier in the week had called for it to be postponed because of the nation's financial crisis but changed his mind on Friday and agreed to participate. Second, Friday traditionally has fewer viewers than any other night but Saturday because more people go out that night.

Still, the 52.4 million would make it the most popular television event since the Super Bowl. (AP)

Back in the 'Spotlight'

'Idol' alumna turned Oscar winner ups the volume on her vocals

SING IT | With her Oscar-winning performance in "Dreamgirls" and roles in movies such as "Sex and the City" and the upcoming "The Secret Life of Bees," Jennifer Hudson's singing career had become almost an afterthought. With the release of her self-titled debut CD, it is now deservedly back in the spotlight.

Hudson, who first came to prominence as a finalist on "American Idol," worked with some of music's hottest names on the CD. Ne-Yo and the hit-production team StarGate appear on the cool first single "Spotlight" and the semi-dark "Can't Stop the Rain." Tank works on the tough but ladylike "We Gon' Fight," and on "What's Wrong (Go Away)," Hudson goes head to head with T-Pain and his vocoder.

But Hudson's booming voice truly shines on tracks such as "If It

Isn't Love" and the Robin Thicke-assisted, Anita Baker-influenced "Giving Myself."

There are a few disappointments. Hudson's duet with Fantasia, "I'm His Only Woman," is simply a yelling contest between the "Idol" alums.

Overall, the CD's highlight is Hudson's vocals. She confidently sings each song — going high and low, fast and slow at the right moments, with the right amount of emotion. MESFIN FEKADU (AP)



In addition to her multi-platform success, the star recently got engaged.



TOM CRUISE PUTS SCIENTOLOGISTS IN SEATS: Katie Holmes is helping "All My Sons" pull in big box office money on Broadway. The Arthur Miller drama was the highest-grossing play on Broadway last week, with \$684,002 for its first week.

Entertainment

NPR Goes New Age

Media outlet ups its online presence with social networking

WEB | National Public Radio, already strong online with free downloads from many of its shows, is boosting its digital ambitions with an introduction of social-networking features akin to Facebook.

NPR also plans to overhaul its Web site and expand the tools for sharing its programs elsewhere over the next few months. And it is working to increase the flexibil-

ity of its popular "podcasts," audio downloads that have tripled in use over the past two years.

These digital initiatives are aimed at capturing audiences — particularly younger people who aren't habitual radio listeners but who represent the future for fundraising at NPR's member stations.

Yet NPR faces a challenge in finding common ground with the stations, which rely on local radio offerings to draw contributions.

The national organization, acknowledging that its early Internet initiatives at times collided with

its member stations, insists many of the new offerings have been developed with the stations' needs and concerns in mind.

"We definitely see ourselves at a pivotal point," said Dana Davis Rehm, NPR's senior vice president for strategy and partnerships. "We know where we want to be, but navigating the waters can be challenging at times. Every now and then we get rough seas."

Jeffrey Dvorkin, a former NPR ombudsman who is now with the Ryerson School of Journalism in Toronto, described the tensions as "growing pains as NPR uses its

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The fears come down to whether enhancing NPR.org will encourage listeners to bypass the individual

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ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

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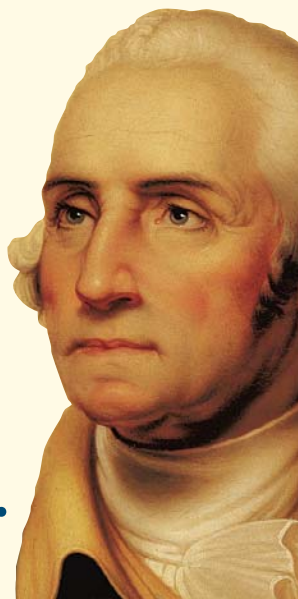
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SIMBA SET TO ROAR ON THE STRIP: "The Lion King" has been picked to replace "Mamma Mia!" at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino in Las Vegas, where it will take over for the musical that ushered a wave of Broadway hits to migrate to the desert.

Trials & Tribulations

'Private Practice' starts its 2nd season with bioethical issues

PROGRESSIVE | On a massive sound stage at Hollywood's Raleigh Studios, a woman is dying of ovarian cancer. One doctor wants to treat her traditionally, by removing her uterus and ovaries. Another wants the patient to participate in a clinical trial that might preserve her abil-

ity to have children but could have serious side effects.

Bioethical questions like these come up weekly on ABC's "Private Practice," the "Grey's Anatomy" spin-off that begins its second season Wednesday.

The issues they face cause plenty of drama for the doctors at the Oceanside Wellness Group.

Like "Grey's Anatomy," "Private Practice" features an ensemble cast of doctors whose personal lives are

often far messier than their professional ones.

The bioethical issues raised are based on real medical cases and community concerns, said researcher and writer Elizabeth Klaviter.

"We look at the things that have ourselves and our family members and friends buzzing — the issues that people are talking about in terms of right or wrong, and the laws, ethics and social morays that are put on us in terms of how we



Tim Daly does his "pensive doctor" pose on the set of "Private Practice."

conduct ourselves, said Klaviter, who also researches cases for "Grey's Anatomy."

This season, the doctors at Oceanside Wellness will have to decide what rights prostitutes have to medical care. They also will engage in an abortion debate that surprised actor Tim Daly, who plays Dr. Pete Wilder.

"I never thought we'd be doing something like that on Disney," which owns ABC, he said. "It was just these characters discussing their opinions, and they didn't agree and they were passionate about it, just like in the real world."

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NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) / 3:00, 5:30, 8:00
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:30
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40
THE WOMEN (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
TRAITOR (PG13) 3:10, 5:40, 8:10

AMC SELECT
FIREPROOF (PG) 4:10, 7:00
HAMLET 2 (R) 2:55, 5:00, 7:20

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EAGLE EYE (PG13) / 12:15, 1:15, 3:15, 4:10, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) / 1:45, 2:45, 5:05, 6:10, 8:45, 9:45
IGOR (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 12:35, 1:35, 3:35, 4:35, 6:35, 7:35, 9:35, 10:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 1:40, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 12:05, 1:05, 2:05, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:05, 10:05
TRAITOR (PG13) 7:10, 9:40
THE LONGSHOTS (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:50

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
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MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 2:20, 5:40
TOWELHEAD (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40
AMC SELECT
BURN AFTER READING (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00
BOTTLE SHOCK (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00
TELL NO ONE (NR-NOT RATED) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20

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EAGLE EYE (PG13) / 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45
EAGLE EYE (PG13) / 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) / 12:40, 4:00, 7:30, 10:50
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) / 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:35, 8:15, 10:45
IGOR (PG) / 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:45, 10:25
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 7:15, 8:05, 10:30
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TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40
THE WOMEN (PG13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:20
TRAITOR (PG13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:10
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:45, 4:00, 10:05

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BURN AFTER READING (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:00, 10:35

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NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) / 1:55, 4:35, 7:15
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40
THE WOMEN (PG13) 1:50, 4:25

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EAGLE EYE (PG13) / 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:30
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) / 1:15, 4:45, 8:05
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) / 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50
IGOR (PG) 1:45, 3:55, 6:10, 8:20, 10:35
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 2:20, 5:05, 8:00, 10:40
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 1:05, 3:45, 6:45, 9:25
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) 1:55, 4:30, 7:45, 10:20
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:40, 10:15
THE WOMEN (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) 10:00 PM
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) 4:35, 10:45
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:00
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 1:20, 7:35

AMC SELECT
CHOCO (R) 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:30
FIREPROOF (PG) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
THE LUCKY ONES (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
BURN AFTER READING (R) 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35

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MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 2:45, 7:00
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:10
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 2:10, 4:35, 7:30
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20

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MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 515) 815 1045

IGOR (PG) (1200 215 430) 645 900

THE WOMEN (PG-13) (1230 345) 630 915

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (1245 345) 645

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 745 1015

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (145 500) 745 1015

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NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (1200 230) 500 730 1010

FIREPROOF (PG) (1245) 400 700 1025

EAGLE EYE (PG-13) ★ (1135 1230 235) 415 530 715 815 1015 1050

OC: LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (1250) 705

MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 205) 435 955

GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (1145 210) 445 740 1020

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (1140 215) 340 510 800 950 1040

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS - DP (PG-13) (120) 425 715

1005

THE WOMEN (PG-13) (1205 240) 520 755 1030

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 225) 505 735 1025

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245) 345 515 640 745

TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (100) PM

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NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (215 515) 745 1030

FIREPROOF (PG) (115 400) 700 945

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (105 430) 800

FOREVER STRONG (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000

EAGLE EYE (PG-13) ★ (100 200 345 445) 630 730 915 1015

OC: LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (130) 700

MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) - ID REQ'D (215 500) 745 1015

IGOR (PG) (130 415) 630 900

GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (200 500) 730 1000

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (415) 930

THE WOMEN (PG-13) (115 400) 645 915

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (100 345) 645

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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 715 945

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 800 1030

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EAGLE EYE (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1200 1230 100 240 330 415 525)

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1240 300 530) 800 1030

FOREVER STRONG (PG-13) (Stadium) (145 435) 710 955

THE LUCKY ONES (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (140 420) 700 940

CHOKE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 345) 600 820 1040

TOWELHEAD (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1245 400) 650 935

RW & DA: LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (120 405) 705 950

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1225 315) 605 840

RW & DA: IGOR (PG) (Stadium) (1220 225 430) 640 850

GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (Stadium) (1215 255 520) 745 1020

MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1205 235 510)

805 1030

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (Stadium) (130)

210 410 445) 645 730 930 1015

THE WOMEN (PG-13) (Stadium) (215 505) 740 1005

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1250 340) 615 840

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1210 245 500) 715

945

BABYLONAD (PG-13) (Stadium) (350) 610 825 1035

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MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (100 450) 925

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (Stadium) (105 340) 705 940

RW & DA: LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (110 345) 710 945

RW & DA: IGOR (PG) (Stadium) (145 355) 715 935

MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 430) 740 1020

GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (Stadium) (125 400) 730 1005

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (Stadium) (115)

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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (140 415) 735 1015

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TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (120 550) 725 1010

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MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (200) 600 930

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (200 430) 700 930

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IGOR (PG) (145 340) 700 915

GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (230 445) 715 930

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (130 215 415 515) 715 800 945 1030

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (130 215 415)

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IGOR (PG) (115 345) 645 930

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MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 425) 800

IGOR (PG) (130 415) 635 855

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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (140 435) 735 1025

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VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13) (1240 305) 625 905

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Television



HE'LL REALLY BUST THOSE MYTHS: Jesse Ventura, former pro-wrestler and governor of Minnesota, has reinvented himself again. Now he'll be hosting a TV show for TruTV in which he'll investigate conspiracy theories across the country.

'Daisies' Coming Up Roses

The ABC show is back, with twisty plots and larger-than-life color

SOMETHING NEW | Special-effects technology can create any illusion. But with so much potential for imaginative brilliance, why do half the shows and movies look like "Knight Rider" (8 p.m., NBC)? Am I the only one tired of watching cars explode?

What if a TV show used all of the technology at its disposal to present something new, different, pleasant and occasionally even charming? The result might look something like "Pushing Daisies" (8 p.m., ABC).

Tonight's second-season premiere uses a clever title sequence to bring us up to speed on its com-



BEE MINE: Anna Friel plays vivacious love interest Chuck on "Pushing Daisies."

plicated premise and then plunges right into a clever murder mystery set in a beehive, or rather in the corridors of a honey-based cosmetic empire, complete with its own eye-popping, tongue-in-cheek marketing campaign.

With its rich, saturated palate, visual extravagance and high-concept set and costumes, "Daisies" often resembles one long TV commercial, the product of an advertising art department gone wild.

"Daisies" can get too darn cute, and many of those excesses involve Olive, the jealous waitress played by Kristin Chenoweth. Tonight is no exception, when a subplot sends Olive to a convent, where she lives out a "Sound of Music" fantasy. But even at its most saccharine, "Daisies" is like nothing else on television. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

IF THE VELOCIPEDE FITS ...

SECRETS OF THE DEAD (8 p.m., PBS) recalls the Crippen case, the O.J. Simpson trial of 1910. A media firestorm, it was also the first famous trial in which forensic evidence played a key role. But now scientists use new techniques on old evidence to argue that the wrong man went to the gallows.

IS THAT EVEN LEGAL?

Naomi's secret bookkeeping worries Addison on the second-season premiere of **PRIVATE PRACTICE** (9 p.m., ABC).

... KATIE HOLMES?

The documentary **MY FAKE BABY** (9 p.m., BBC America) looks at women who collect and "nurture" lifelike dolls.

FOOTBALL SEASON IS BACK

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS (9 p.m., Direct TV's Channel 101) returns for a third season. NBC will air these episodes at a later date.

MURDER SHE WROTE, YAH

A car dealer's scheme has fateful con-



PREGNANT SUPERHERO: Frances McDormand kicks butt in "Fargo."

sequences in **FARGO** (9 p.m., IFC), the 1996 black comedy that made the Coen brothers a household name.

RIGHTEOUS DUDE

Robert De Niro appears on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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DVD | "Sports Night" didn't reinvent the half-hour sitcom, but it deserves more credit than it gets. And in 1998, the show was revolutionary for its ability to combine serious issues (steroids in sports, sexual assault, infidelity) with situational comedy.

The show about the inner workings of a fictional ESPN "SportsCenter"-style show was one of the first in the "dramedy" genre — and it was also creator Aaron Sorkin's first foray into television. ("The West Wing" started after "Sports Night's" first season.)

The complete series — just two seasons — was released on an eight-



AIRING GRIEVANCES: Felicity Huffman and Peter Krause debate on "Sports Night."

disc 10th-anniversary edition DVD this week, and it reminds viewers why "Sports Night" was so good: It featured relatable, motivated and likeable characters, and it was

sharp, witty and funny when it wanted to be, and it was touching when it needed to be. It just never found an audience.

Josh Charles and Peter Krause

starred as Dan Rydell and Casey McCall, the two-man anchor team ranked third behind ESPN and FOX. Casey was straight-laced, Dan a bit more dry and sarcastic — but together they have the kind of natural chemistry you saw from Keith Olbermann and Dan Patrick on the golden days of "SportsCenter."

Felicity Huffman — the real star of the show — plays "Sports Night's" producer, Dana Whitaker, a strong woman holding her own in a field dominated by men. The great Robert Guillaume rounds out the cast as managing editor Isaac Jaffe.

The program was incredibly accurate for what it was: a look at the battle-plagued business of television. If anything, it seems Sorkin was writing from experience. He fought against using a laugh track, a skirmish he lost in season one. The canned laughter disappeared in season two — and "Sports Night" was all the better for it. RUDI GREENBERG

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EVERYBODY DANCE NOW: Step Afrika! dance company members are shown.

THURSDAY

Kenneth Carroll and the DC

WritersCorps: Spoken-word poetry as part of the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival. Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW; 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., \$15; 202-232-3611. (U St.-Cardozo)

Yardena: This Israeli singer melds Cuban music with more traditional styles as part of the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival. District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$25; 202-232-3611. (Dupont Circle)

Anti-Plastic: Children's toys manipulated into being art. Who'd have guessed? Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; through Oct. 11, free; 202-315-1305. (Gallery Place)

FRIDAY

Step Afrika!: Step dancing as part of the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 7:30 p.m., \$25; 202-232-3611.

After Dark in Denim: It looks like a denim fashion show, but it's really just an excuse to go to the Swedish Embassy. House of Sweden, 2900 K St. NW; 9:30 p.m., \$25; 202-467-2600.

Grim Whimsy: An improvised show: funny and a little scary. The Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8 p.m., \$15; 703-294-5233. (Ballston)

SATURDAY

Breaking Ground: Jane Franklin Dance Company combines skateboarding, video art and modern dance. Indoor Skate Park, 1250 9th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$20; 703-933-1111. (Mt. Vernon Square)

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→ Kennedy Center Opera House, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$45-\$300; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



'Tis the Season

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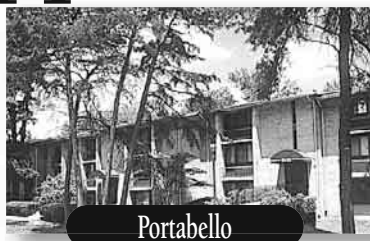
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Pets

Treats and toys let dogs sink their teeth into the '08 election

Maybe it was inevitable in a year when one candidate's first name is only two letters different from "bark," but this election has really gone to the dogs.

Your pup can wear a T-shirt to support "Bark Obama" or "John McCanine" or to announce that he wants to "Bark for Barack." He can play with a toy to say goodbye to President Bush, and even pick a biscuit according to the party he supports.

In fact, in more than one place, the dogs have even been polled — but if you're hoping for a prediction, don't hold your breath.

Tomoko Kawasumi of the Organic Doggy Kitchen in Falls Church, Va., got the idea for a dog biscuit poll from her two huskies.

Your pup can wear a T-shirt to support 'Bark Obama' or 'John McCanine.'

When she offered them her Political Dog Biscuits, Kiki always chose the elephant and Koby the donkey, even though they're baked from the same dough.

Kawasumi took the idea on the road, and, in some cases, dogs seemed to toe the local political line.

But the pups don't always go along with their people politically. At the Washington Humane Society's Bark Ball in June, elephant cookies won out, a stunning upset in traditionally blue Washington, D.C.

"The owners get very upset,"

Kawasumi says. "Sometimes they say, 'You're not sleeping with me tonight!'"

As in any race, some are not satisfied with the choices.

"We have some people who are upset that we don't have an independent doggie biscuit," Kawasumi says, but that's less a political statement than a practical problem: "We don't know what it would look like."

So, perhaps the occasional dog who turns up his nose at both biscuits isn't just a fussy eater. But there are choices for the undecided or independent canine, too: He can get involved in the change of administration with treats commemorating the end of the Bush years.

At the Bush's Last Day Web site, there's the Bush Biskit — the wrapper includes the line "Crunch Crunch He's Gone." And both dogs and cats can enjoy the George the Lame Duck toy from Moodypet.com. The stuffed Bush-faced duck on crutches wears a cast signed by his friends including Condi, Rummy and K-Ro, and he comes in a catnip version as well as a squeaky toy.

And if your dog's first choice has dropped out of the race, he may take comfort in the floppy-armed stuffed Hillary Clinton dog toy at Fatcats.com, which also offers a John McCanine who doesn't seem to realize that someone's taped a note to his back saying "I'm 301 dog years old!"

"Polling" elsewhere shows that pets may well be the swing voters in their homes.

"Sometimes we get an order for an extra-small Obama and an extra-large McCanine and we wonder what's going on in that household," says Psychedelic Fur company owner Lori Lambert.

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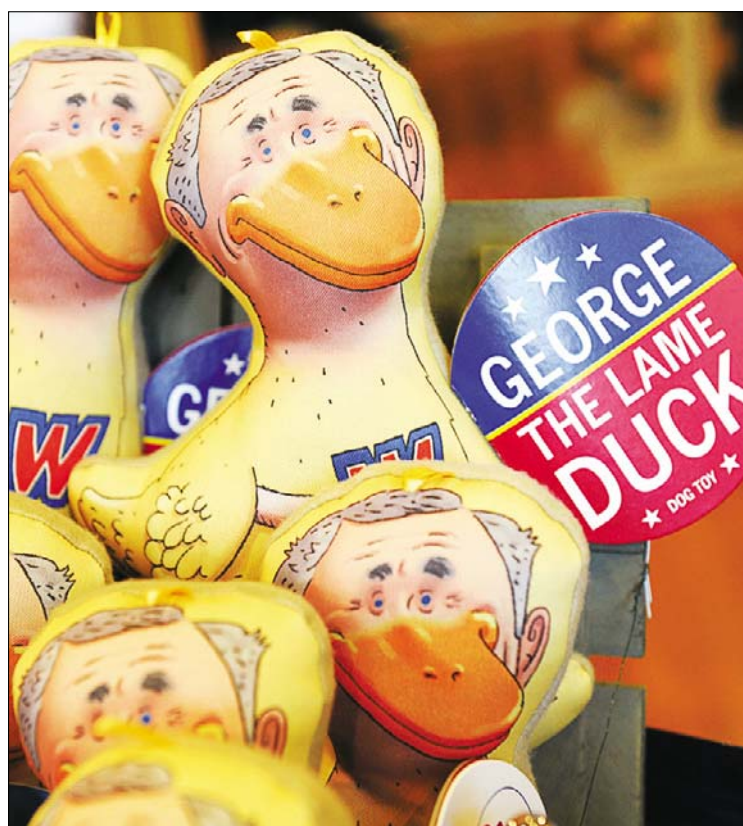
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TAIL-SWINGING VOTER: A dog named Yogi is fed a politically themed dog biscuit in the Living Ruff store in Silver Spring, Md.

Canine Constituents



President Bush-inspired chew toys are sold at Living Ruff in Silver Spring, Md.

Lambert says that at first, they sold more of the Bark Obama products on their Web site, Petsvote.com, which she figured was because the dog-dressing-up demographic tended to occur on the coasts, where Obama support was strong.

"But we were very wrong," she says. "Now we are getting orders from all over the nation."

Orders for the McCanine shirt went up after a dog wearing it appeared in a photo in People magazine. Since then, the order tally, which you can follow on the Web site, has shown that the race is just as close among canine-Americans as the population in general, hovering around 50-50.

Kawasumi says that even her previously consistent huskies have become less clear about their choices since watching the conventions with her.

"The campaign is heating up," she says. "I think the attack ads are making them confused."

LINDA LOMBARDI (AP)

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MUSIC

Balloon Heads

Matmos is known for concept-heavy glitch-pop albums that are loaded with samples. But the electronica duo's latest record, "Supreme Balloon," is a lovely all-synthesizer affair. Matmos plays the Velvet Lounge on Saturday, and Christopher Porter spoke with Drew Daniel and Martin Schmidt. | COMING UP



BOOKS

Scottish Reign

With "Exit Music," one of crime fiction's towering figures bows out. Arion Berger spoke to Scottish author Ian Rankin, who has penned his last novel featuring John Rebus, the detective with a sixth sense for everything rotten in Edinburgh. Rankin reads Wednesday at Borders at Baileys Crossroads. | COMING UP

MUSIC

Rolling Rock

In most extreme metal, the "roll" part of rock 'n' roll is ignored in favor of precision, but Norway's Keep of Kalessin down-right swings. The group's new CD, "Kolossus," brings the band to Jaxx on Thursday, and Christopher Porter spoke with guitarist Obsidian C. | COMING UP



comment board

I'm happy they

voted 'no,' but I'm afraid it wasn't for all the right reasons. I fear there may be a bigger conspiracy brewing."

COMMENTER TRUPATRIOT, WHO ADDED, "IT'D BE NICE IF THEY SAID 'NO' BECAUSE THEY REALIZED IT IS MORALLY WRONG AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL, BUT I WON'T HOLD MY BREATH."

Government

policies and market intervention got us into this mess. Congress and the executive [branch] should step back."

COMMENTER ANOTHER PERSON, WHO ADDED, "PROSECUTE THOSE WHO BROKE THE LAW AND CHANGE THE REGULATORY STRUCTURE, BUT DON'T DIRECTLY INTERFERE."



"Voting against this because you didn't like what the speaker of the House said or because you're afraid of not being re-elected is not in the best interest of this country."

COMMENTER JEWEL, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WERE REPRESENTATIVES RIGHT TO VOTE AGAINST THE \$700 BILLION BAILOUT PROPOSAL?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

WERE REPRESENTATIVES RIGHT TO VOTE AGAINST THE \$700 BILLION BAILOUT PROPOSAL?

YES 67%

NO 33%

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Blog LOG

"Maybe I'll end up like the grandparents I never knew, who kept their money in the floorboards in their house."

MSLASH.BLOGSPOT.COM IS CONSIDERING FINANCIAL OPTIONS, ADDING, "MY GRANDFATHER WAS ALSO A BOOTLEGGER IN PROHIBITION, SO IT CLEARLY WAS ONE GOOD IDEA AFTER ANOTHER."



API/GETTY IMAGES

"A cow's moo sounds just like a vibrating cell phone. A wind chime in the breeze sounds eerily like a BlackBerry alert."

CHARLOTTEHARRIS.WORDPRESS.COM HAD SOME TROUBLE GETTING HER WORK LIFE OFF HER MIND WHILE RELAXING ON HER PARENTS' DECK DURING VACATION IN VERMONT.



"THERE WAS [an] Airedale puppy in the lobby standing by that Saturday morning — within the actual bank lobby itself — patiently allowing its fuzzy head to be petted. 'How very sweet,' I thought. Little did I know that dog must have been the company's top financial adviser."

GLOBALCHAMELEON.BLOGSPOT.COM DESCRIBES HOW HE/SHE DECIDED TO BANK WITH WACHOVIA UPON MOVING TO THE WASHINGTON AREA.

"I am constantly amazed at the need for strangers to know if my child is a boy or a girl — and how often they get it wrong. Personally, I think all babies until the age of 2 ... look like grumpy old men."

NGUNDERGROUND.BLOGSPOT.COM DOES NOT GET OFFENDED WHEN PEOPLE GUESS INCORRECTLY ABOUT HER CHILD'S SEX.

Discussions

NFL Insider

Post sports columnist **MARK MASKE** was online Tuesday to talk about week 4 results and all the latest news from around the league.

After the victory over the Cowboys, where do you think the Redskins rank overall in the league, particularly within the NFC East?

I'd have to put them second in the division behind the Giants and somewhere in the top half-dozen in the league.

Who's going to win the AFC West? Denver and San Diego both seem really suspect. Will this be a division in which a 9-7 team can win it?

I still think the Chargers will get it together and be very good. I still

don't trust the Broncos. I don't like their defense, and the good luck they've gotten in some games will even out over time.

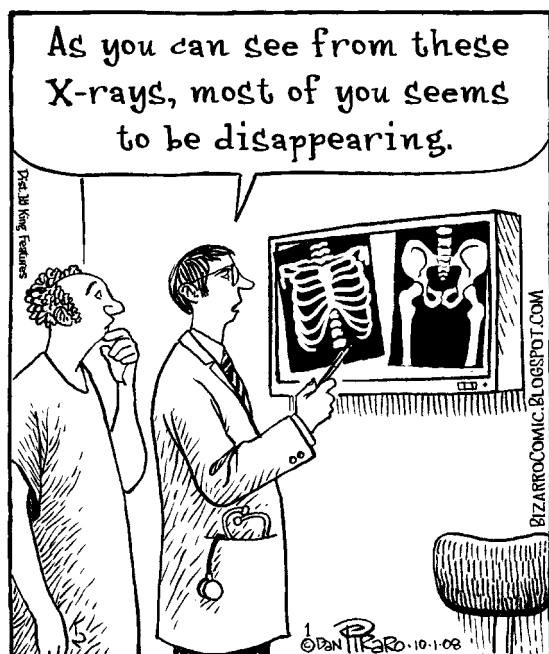
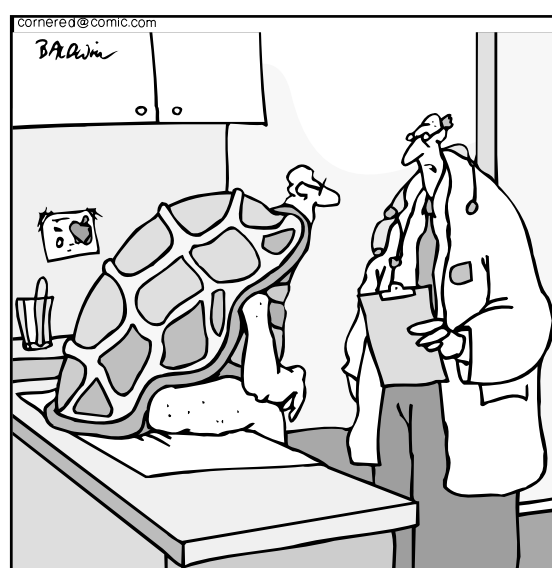
It looks like T.O. is rearing his ugly head once again in Dallas. He got targeted more than 18 times in Sunday's game, more than any other player, yet he is still complaining about getting the ball. If things somehow blow up in Dallas with Tony Romo, will this be the end for him? I mean, how many QBs does he have to trash for teams to say enough is enough?

The moment he can't play anymore is the moment he's out of chances. That point hasn't been reached yet because, clearly, he still can play. And this latest episode in Dallas is pretty tame so far. I don't know that it's such a big deal unless it leads to something bigger and worse.

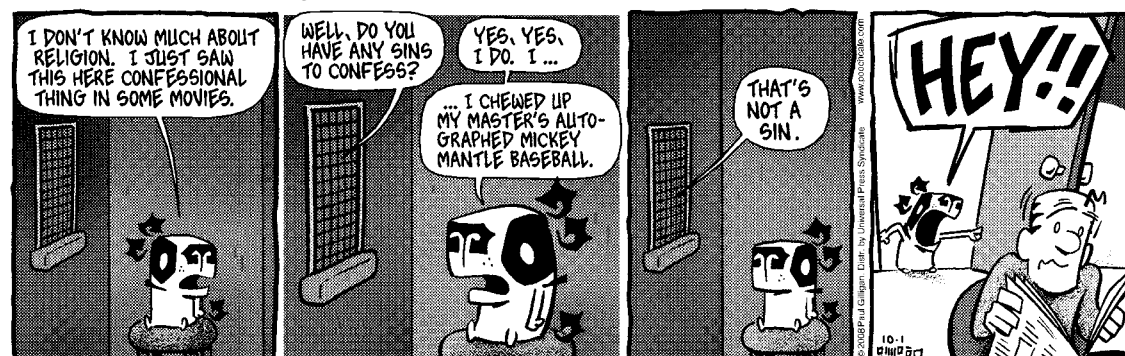
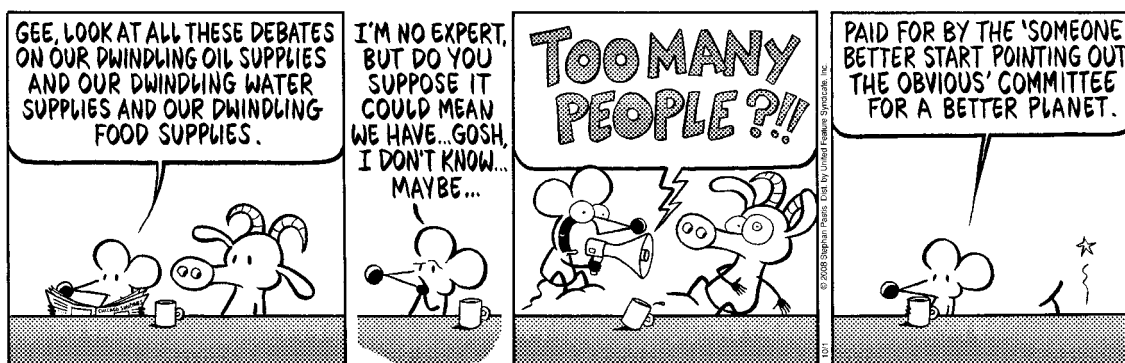
What do you think about T.O.'s comments? Have they been paid too much attention by the media, thereby reinforcing his narcissism? What effect do you think his comments will have in the locker room?

I would say no big effect yet. If the Cowboys get things together and get back to winning, I would say this disappears pretty quickly. Remember that he was quick to stand up for Tony Romo after the playoff loss last season, so I think he has Romo in his corner at this point. But things could get very ugly in Dallas if this team doesn't win, not just because of T.O. but also because of the coaching situation with Wade Phillips' having Jason Garrett there as a potential successor.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Michael W. Fox, veterinarian and syndicated columnist for Animal Doctor, will take questions on pet care at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"It's caused from too much stress. Try slowing down even more."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be unpredictable, and those closest to you may not understand what you are after.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may encounter unexpected troubles, which are likely to erupt into personal battles of varying intensity. All can be solved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find yourself risking a valuable friendship merely to score points that are, in the long run, less important than expected. Be careful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A little sentimentality goes a long way — but be sure to look at a pivotal relationship from a down-to-earth perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A meeting of the minds can provide you with more than expected — and the gains you enjoy will be more than merely financial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Danger may arise as a result of your own insistence that others do things your way. Some may

be neither willing nor prepared.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Fulfillment is likely to come to you in an unusual form — thanks to someone who has been looking out for you in recent days or weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may require more in the way of excitement and challenge than usual — and you may have it if you will only wait a little while.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's a good day to look ahead and plan for financial instability that may be just around the corner. Prepare, and you needn't lose it all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) See whether a little closer focus doesn't enable you to achieve more. You can find yourself in a new realm before the day is out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you've always wanted to meet may actually be seeking you out — literally or figuratively. Try to be in the right place right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The pace is likely to pick up quite dramatically, requiring of you a great deal more attention than you've been giving in the recent past.

Letters

Biden a Liability for Dems

I'M NOT SURE which is worse: Gov. Sarah Palin with a foot in her mouth or Sen. Joe Biden, with no mouth (I wouldn't recognize him if I saw or heard him). But there might be a reason. Have you ever heard, "If

you don't have something smart to say, be smart and keep your mouth shut?" Well, if that's true, then the Democratic ticket may be in trouble. Someone who speaks poorly (Palin) can easily be taught to speak more appropriately. However, teaching someone who doesn't talk how to talk (Biden) takes some real effort.

—PHIL MYERS
Manassas, Va.

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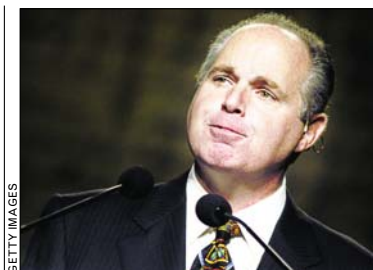
1908 Henry Ford introduces his Model T automobile to the market.

1949 Mao Zedong proclaims the People's Republic of China during a ceremony in Beijing.

1958 The American Express charge card officially debuts.

1968 The cult horror movie "Night of the Living Dead" has its world premiere in Pittsburgh.

2003 Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh



Rush Limbaugh resigned from ESPN.

resigns from his ESPN sports job after stirring controversy by suggesting Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

LOOK out

People



My beauty secret? A diet of unicorns.

SILENCED

Curtains for Eternally Young Singer With 'Sudden' Illness

JANET JACKSON, 42, was hospitalized in Montreal after falling ill shortly before a concert. Jackson canceled Monday's concert after she "got suddenly ill" during her sound check and had to be rushed to a hospital before showtime. (AP)

DUETS

Left, You May Be Right; Joel, Springsteen Share Bill



Bruce Springsteen and **BILLY JOEL** are teaming up for their first joint concert to benefit Barack Obama in New York City on Oct. 16. Tickets start at \$500 and cost up to \$10,000. (AP)



16 CANDLES

Miley's Big Day Out

Disneyland will close early on Sunday night in honor of **MILEY CYRUS'** sweet 16. The "Hannah Montana" star (and cash calf), who doesn't officially turn 16 until Nov. 23, has invited a tween army for a park-wide party on Oct. 5, the same weekend as the traditional Gay Days, which brings tens of thousands of gays and lesbians to the mouse house. (EXPRESS)

LEGAL WOES

Attorney for Brit Stalls In Court

BRITNEY SPEARS' attorney has asked a judge to delay the singer's upcoming trial on a misdemeanor charge for driving without a valid license. Attorney J. Michael Flanagan filed a petition in L.A. Superior Court seeking a stay in the criminal case. Flana-



"I lost my gum, y'all. It's green and minty."

gan has twice requested a dismissal of the case, saying that Spears should be allowed to pay a \$10 fine and not face a criminal trial. The singer is scheduled to go on trial this month on a charge she hit a parked car in 2007 and left the scene. (AP)

JEOPARDY

Spirit of Merv Haunts Ed

Court documents show a company founded by **MERV GRIFFIN** is suing Ed McMahon for a \$100,000 loan it claims has gone unpaid. The Griffin Group Inc. claims it loaned the money to McMahon in 2005. The company filed the suit on Thursday



and states that none of the loan has been repaid. The former pitchman also faces numerous other lawsuits filed on behalf of creditors. Griffin, a longtime TV host, died in 2007. (AP)

WHAM!

2nd Arrest in Restroom Is Just as Dull as the First

George Michael has pleaded for forgiveness after having been caught with crack cocaine last week. He said, "I want to apologize to my fans for screwing up again, and to promise them I'll sort myself out. And to say sorry to everybody else, just for boring them." (EXPRESS)

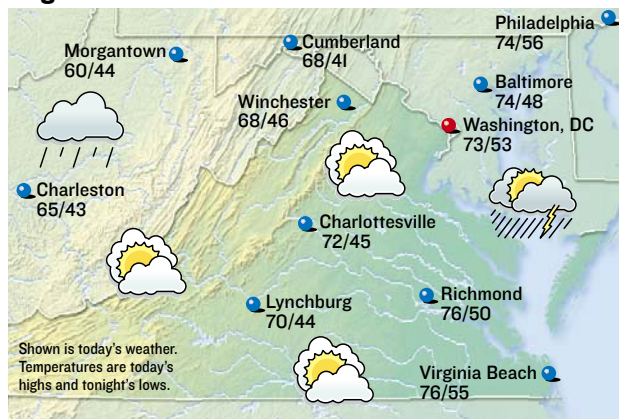


Never a dull moment with our George.

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Normal month to date	3.79"
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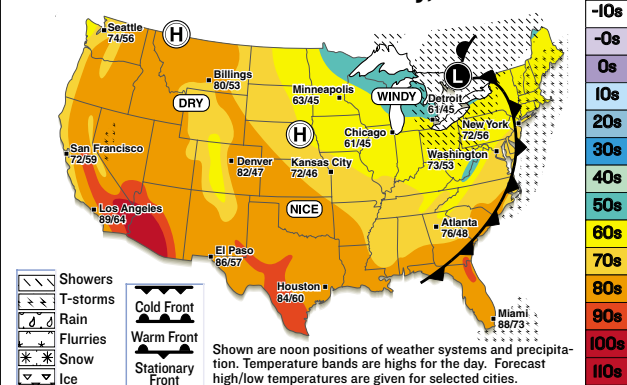
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Sun and Moon

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Sunset tonight	6:50 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:28 a.m.
Moonset today	7:40 p.m.

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National Weather for Wednesday, October 1



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	76/48/s	72/49/s
Boston	68/54/r	68/49/pc
Chicago	61/45/pc	63/47/pc
Dallas	86/59/s	84/58/s
Denver	82/47/s	81/47/pc
Honolulu	87/73/s	87/75/pc
Los Angeles	89/64/s	82/62/s
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New York City	72/56/t	66/54/pc
Orlando	88/65/pc	86/66/s
Seattle	74/56/s	67/54/r

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	59/48/r	57/46/sh
Athens	76/65/pc	78/72/pc
Berlin	57/43/r	54/43/c
Buenos Aires	68/55/t	70/55/pc
Calgary	77/45/s	76/48/pc
Dublin	55/43/sh	52/45/sh
Geneva	62/49/sh	54/41/r
Moscow	57/48/sh	55/48/sh
Rome	72/60/c	72/56/pc
Sydney	75/59/s	84/68/s
Tokyo	72/61/r	73/60/s

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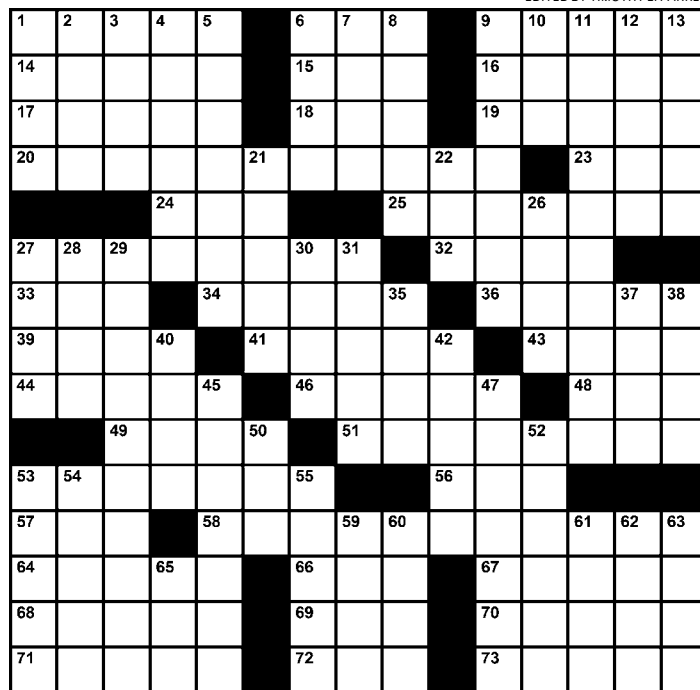
ACROSS

1 Barbecue chef's implement
6 Suffix that takes things to the extreme
9 Nathanael and Mae
14 Be crazy about
15 Wonderful feeling?
16 Woman of Paradise, in Islam
17 Access a computer network
18 Was printed
19 "The _____ Sanctum"

DOWN

20 Some small planes
23 Akeelah's event
24 "Don't be fuelish," e.g.
25 Double duos
27 Distribute troops anew
32 Act the butterfly
33 Bobby Hockey
34 Lorelei, for one
36 Upper region of space
39 Willie of baseball fame
41 Mongol invader
43 Greek sleeper's letter?
44 Where to see a derby win, or a tie
46 Largest human gland
48 Comb-over alternative
49 The euro replaced it
51 Compact summary
53 Sunburn aftermath
56 Superman's inscription
57 Sawbones' org.
58 Certain marine vessel

64 It's in overalls
66 Brave face, sometimes
67 Beast of burden
68 Four-time Kent portrayer
69 Captain's pronoun
70 "Beggars can't be choosers," e.g.
71 Acted humanly
72 Start of a triple jump
73 Toys that can be made to walk

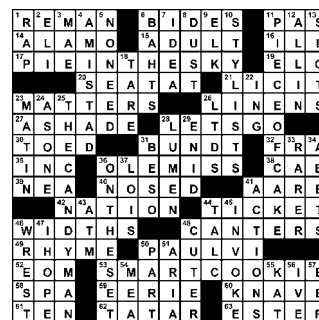


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35 Admiral's service
37 A case of pins and needles
38 Syncopated tunes
40 Bedrock's covering, perhaps
42 Agree to more issues
45 Neat, as a beard
47 Rhododendron
50 "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" boy
52 Prefix applied to poseurs

53 Man on a mission
54 Muslim chieftain (Var.)
55 Grind grinders
59 Return from the cave?
60 Word repeated by a drill sergeant
61 Seek divine guidance
62 "Cogito _____ sum"
63 Agile deer
65 It may be added to impress

Yesterday's Solution



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Yesterday's Solution

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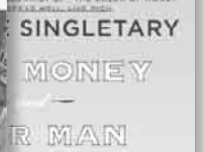
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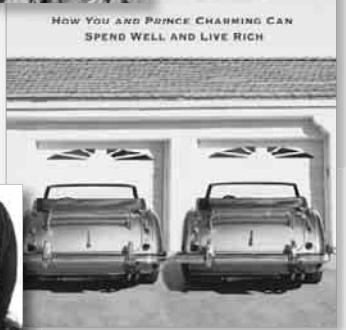
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Next to Bassett, Syms & Pet ER
Beltway Exit 29A
Cromwell Bridge Rd
(410) 321-8900

ROCKVILLE

11132 Rockville Pike
Opposite White Flint Mall
(301) 881-1199

ELLCOTT CITY

Next to Infiniti
Across from Acura.
(410) 203-9700

WESTMINSTER

Rt. 140 Between Gardiners & MVA
1030 Westminster Pike
(410) 871-2601

ANNAPOLIS

Next to PetSmart & Safeway in
Parole Center near Best Buy
2623 Housley Rd at Defense Hwy.
(410) 571-0100

FREDERICK

Near Best Buy & Kohls
Frederick Crossing Shop. Ctr
(301) 631-0600

LANDOVER

BLVD At CAP CTR
Between Magic
Theaters & Circuit City
(301) 336-1555

WALDORF

2443 Crain Highway
Near Home Depot, Opp. Waldorf
Ford/Dodge
(301) 638-7344

FAIRFAX

Just East of EXPO Design Ctr.
11053 Lee Highway
At Route 50
(703) 218-2400

FREDERICKSBURG

In Central Park
Next to Sports Authority
(540) 785-6161

STERLING

Take 28 to Nokes Blvd.
Behind Dulles Town Center
Across From Haverly's.
(703) 421-5311

VIRGINIA BEACH

4439 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Next to Barnes & Noble
(757) 499-1480

TYSONS/VIENNA

8344 Leesburg Pike
Just West of 123 on Rt. 7
Across from Koons Chevy
(703) 506-0171



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